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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 02-57
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ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REDEFINITION OF AID CODES 3A, 3C AND 4C

The purpose of this letter is to notify counties that beginning January 1, 2003, aid codes 3A, 3C and 4C will be redefined. This redefining will require that counties remove all individuals now populating these aid codes and move them into appropriate aid codes since the programs related to these aid codes are no longer applicable. This removal process must be completed by December 31, 2002. Counties, therefore, must review these aid codes and reassign beneficiaries in these aid codes to appropriate and currently valid aid codes.

Aid Code 4C

Aid code 4C was established to correspond to the Foster Care Voluntary Placement program. This program provided for financial assistance for children in need of substitute parenting who had been voluntarily placed in foster care. There is no longer the need to report children who have been placed voluntarily in foster care as opposed to children who were placed in foster care by the county. The need for a specific aid code for voluntary foster care has been removed. All information was blended into the CA 800 FC Assistance Claim.

Aid code 4C will be used to define participants in the Supportive Transitional Emancipation Program (STEP). The STEP was established with the passage of the Assembly Bill 427, Chapter 125, Statutes of 2001. The STEP is an assistance payment made to Emancipated Foster Care youth ages 18 to 21 to cover housing costs.



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The new definition for aid code 4C is as follows:

- 4C – SUPPORTIVE TRANSITIONAL EMANCIPATION PROGRAM. This program provides an assistance payment made to youth who have emancipated from foster care, and who are between the ages 18 to 21. Payments are provided to cover housing costs. (The full-scope benefits under this aid code remain the same.)

Aid Codes 3A and 3C

These aid codes were previously used for the California Alternative Assistance Program (CAAP) where participants who were eligible for a cash grant had declined that cash grant. These participants received childcare and Medi-Cal as part of the CAAP. The CAAP was repealed on October 3, 1997, by Assembly Bill 67, Chapter 606, Statutes of 1997.

In California, the first individuals will begin reaching their CalWORKs time limits on January 1, 2003, at which time they must be transferred into separate aid codes to ensure appropriate tracking and reporting. This will ensure that safety net grants are calculated accurately, and issued in a timely manner.

Aid codes 3A and 3C are to be redefined and identified as follows:

- 3A – SAFETY NET – ALL OTHER FAMILIES, CalWORKs TIMED-OUT, CHILD-ONLY CASE. Provides for continued cash and Medi-Cal coverage of children whose parents have been discontinued from cash aid and removed from the assistance unit (AU) due to reaching the CalWORKs 60-month time limit without meeting a time-extender exception. (The full-scope, no share-of-cost (SOC) benefits under this aid code remain the same.)
- 3C – SAFETY NET – TWO-PARENT, CalWORKs TIMED-OUT, CHILD-ONLY CASE. Provides for continued cash and Medi-Cal coverage of children whose parents have been discontinued from cash aid and removed from the AU due to reaching the CalWORKs 60-month time limit without meeting a time extender exception. (The full-scope, no SOC benefits under this aid code remain the same.)

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If you have any questions about the use or assignment of aid codes, please contact Erin Lynch at (916) 654-5769, or Helen Cahueque at (916) 657-1527.

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